

Points for Discussion with Senator Jackson

1. Senator Symington's request for Mr. [REDACTED] to testify before Symington's Foreign Relations Subcommittee.

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a. Jurisdiction. Substantive intelligence briefings are given to certain congressional committees (Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, Foreign Relations, Foreign Affairs.) With few exceptions (such as the Pike Subcommittee on the Pueblo), the Agency has intelligence activities and operations with the CIA Subcommittees of the House and Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committees. The fact of an appearance before Senator Symington's Subcommittee for the purpose of discussing CIA activities abroad would break this tradition and establish a precedent whereby other committees (such as the Joint Economic Committee) could be expected to request similar treatment.

b. Sources and Methods. The appearance of an officer of the Clandestine Services on matters of Agency operations, even under the strictest security safeguards, could jeopardize our relationships with foreign intelligence services and indeed could create serious political implications for the governments of certain foreign countries.

c. Funding. Agency budget and expenditures have been discussed only with the CIA Subcommittees. [REDACTED] appearance could result in questions to him regarding the cost of Agency operations. He may very well find it difficult to spar with senators and seasoned interrogators on funding and they may ask that he provide information beyond his competence "for the record." These are matters which have been closely guarded by CIA Subcommittees.

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d. Pincus and Paul. These men are temporarily working on Senator Symington's Subcommittee staff. Walter Pincus is on leave from his position with the Washington Post and presumably will return to that position. Making him privy to CIA information of extreme sensitivity raises serious questions of propriety in view of his probable return to the news media.

e. Clandestine Operations. It will be difficult, if not impossible, for [REDACTED] to limit himself to certain areas in his testimony, since any senator is free to ask any question he desires. In addition, it is quite possible that an individual such as former Ambassador Sullivan could adequately testify in the area of Symington's interest without involving Agency personnel.

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(The State Department would be the point of contact for this Committee.)

2. Green Beret Case. Follow the gist of the Russell and Rivers briefings.

3. Status of Senate CIA Subcommittees.

a. Seniority. Senator Russell is the senior member of this group, however, he had indicated his intention to have the Armed Services and Appropriations CIA Subcommittees function separately. On the other hand, there have been definite indications that, in view of Senator Russell's seniority on both the Armed Services and Appropriations Committees. Senator Stennis intends to defer to him on convening of the Subcommittees and even on the chairing of the Armed Services Subcommittee when it meets. It was hoped that in this Congress CIA would meet often; but, statements made by Senators Milton Young and George Aiken, following the first meeting of the Subcommittees this year, with respect to the accuracy of satellite photography disturbed Senator Russell deeply and he has been reluctant to call a meeting of the Subcommittees ever since.

b. Invitees. It has never been entirely clear just why Senator Russell decided to invite Senators Fulbright, Hickenlooper (now Aiken) and Mansfield to the CIA Subcommittee meetings.

Senator Russell apparently did this as a gesture after his victory over Fulbright and McCarthy on the McCarthy resolution in 1966. It is not clear, however, whether Senators Russell or Stennis intend to continue this practice.

c. Committee Procedure. Bill Woodruff has expressed the personal opinion that the reasons for operating the CIA Subcommittee in unique secrecy may no longer obtain and perhaps the CIA budget should be treated in the same way as that of any other classified agency (i.e., by the full Defense Subcommittee) and the total Agency budget figure could be revealed to members of the full Committee upon request. (In fact, Woodruff feels that it would be in the best interest of the Agency if the total CIA budget figure were revealed publicly.)

4. Intelligence Review Course. Approach Senator Jackson about the possibility of his lecturing to this Group on 7 November.